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SUMMARY: IN THE FRIDAY MORNING PLENARY SESSION OF THE 17TH  
GENERAL CONFERENCE, STATEMENTS WERE PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATES  
OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBER STATES: THE HOLY SEE, ROMANIA, BANGLA-  
DESH, AUSTRALIA, IRELAND, THAILAND, THE UKRAINIAN S.S.R., GHANA  
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AND TURKEY. AUSTRALIA, GHANA AND THE HOLY SEE MADE REFERENCES

IN THEIR STATEMENTS TO THE RECENT FRENCH ATOMIC TESTS IN THE PACIFIC, IN EACH INSTANCE WITHOUT SPECIFICALLY USING THE WORDS "FRANCE" OR "THE FRENCH." A STATEMENT BY GHANA DEPLORING SUCH TESTS DREW VERY LIMITED APPLAUSE FROM THE OTHER DELEGATIONS PRESENT.

BOTH ROMANIA AND THE UKRAINIAN SSR HAILED THE ADMISSION OF THE GDR AND MONGOLIA INTO THE AGENCY. THE UKRAINIAN DELEGATE CHARACTERIZED THESE DEVELOPMENTS AS THE "TRIUMPH OF REALISM IN A CHANGING WORLD." BOTH ROMANIA AND THE UKRAINIAN SSR MADE REFERENCES TO DETENTE AND TO THE IMPROVED CLIMATE IN EAST-WEST AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. NEARLY ALL SPEAKERS AT THIS SESSION WELCOMED DR. SIGVARD EKLUND'S REELECTION AS HEAD OF THE AGENCY AND ALSO CONGRATULATED THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE. NEARLY ALL SPEAKERS, WITH WIDELY VARYING DEGREES OF WARMTH, WELCOMED THE GDR AND MONGOLIA AS NEW AGENCY MEMBERS. OVERALL THIS PLENARY SESSION PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY AND WITHOUT INCIDENT. FURTHER DETAILS ON THE HIGHLIGHTS OF FRIDAY'S INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS ARE GIVEN BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. THE HOLY SEE--IN THIS STATEMENT, THE DELEGATE SAID THAT "DEVELOPMENT IS THE NEW NAME FOR PEACE--AS WAS AFFIRMED BY HIS HOLINESS POPE PAUL VI IN HIS ENCYCLICAL LETTER "POPULORUM PROGRESSIO" (PAR. 87)--THE CHURCH REGARDS IT AS A DUTY ALWAYS TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO STRIVE FOR AN IMPROVEMENT OF THE LOT OF ALL PEOPLES...." THE DELEGATE NOTED THE HAPPINESS WITH WHICH THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE HOLY SEE CELEBRATED ON JAN 18, 1973, THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE AGENCY. HE THEN NOTED THAT ON FEB 14, 1973, "THE HOLY SEE DEPOSITED THE INSTRUMENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE VI OF THE STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN WASHINGTON." THE DELEGATE SAID "I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS IN THIS CONNECTION THAT THE HOLY SEE, BECAUSE OF ITS RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL NATURE WHICH IS EXTRANEIOUS TO QUESTIONS OF A POLITICAL CHARACTER, CAME TO SUCH A DECISION EXCLUSIVELY IN CONSIDERATION OF THE FACT THAT THE ENTERING INTO FORCE OF SAID AMENDMENT WOULD ALLOW FOR A WIDER PARTICIPATION, IN THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE AGENCY, ALSO OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DESIRE EXPRESSED BY MANY OF THEM AT THE LAST GENERAL CONFERENCE IN MEXICO CITY."

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WITH REFERENCE TO NUCLEAR TESTS, THE DELEGATE SAID "IF ON THE ONE HAND THERE IS REASON FOR SATISFACTION IN OBSERVING THE PROGRESS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS SECTOR SO IMPORTANT FOR THE LIFE OF MAN, ON THE OTHER HAND LEGITIMATE FEAR IS CREATED FOR ALL PEOPLES BY THE FACT THAT NEW NUCLEAR ARMS TESTS ARE BEING CARRIED OUT ALSO IN THE ATMOSPHERE." THE DELEGATE THEN QUOTED EXTENSIVELY FROM THE ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF POPE JOHN XXIII

"PACEM IN TERRIS" WITH RESPECT TO ARMS PRODUCTION, ARMAMENT AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WHICH REITERATED THE POSITION THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS SHOULD BE BANNED.

2. ROMANIA--THE ROMANIAN DELEGATE SPOKE OF THE "NEW ATMOSPHERE" IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS GENERATED THROUGH THE MEETINGS OF THE CSCE AT GENEVA. ROMANIA APPLAUDED THE ADMISSION OF THE GDR AND MONGOLIA INTO THE IAEA. THE DELEGATE STRESSED THAT ROMANIA IS PROMOTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY FOR PEACE THROUGH CO-OPERATION WITH THE USSR, HUNGARY, BULGARIA, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA. ROMANIA WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH ITS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS FOR RESEARCH IN THIS FIELD WITH PAKISTAN, INDIA, AND THE FRG. ROMANIA STRESSED THE NEED FOR PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT, FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND NOTES THAT ROMANIA WILL BE AWARDED TEN SCHOLARSHIPS EACH OF TEN MONTH' DURATION TO SCHOLARS FROM LDC'S FOR THIS PURPOSE.

3. BANGLADESH--THE DELEGATE FROM BANGLADESH CONGRATULATED THE GDR ON ITS ADMISSION TO THE AGENCY, NOTED THE PROBLEMS OF REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION WHICH AFFECT BANGLADESH'S ATOMIC ENERGY PROGRAM AND EMPHASIZED APPLIED RESEARCH. THE DELEGATE POINTED OUT THAT MANY LDC'S WILL OF ECONOMIC NECESSITY MAINTAIN VERY MODEST NUCLEAR RESEARCH PROGRAMS FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE A POTENTIAL MARKET FOR SMALL AND ECONOMIC NUCLEAR REACTORS IN SUCH COUNTRIES. BANGLADESH STRESSED ITS INTEREST IN COOPERATING WITH OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, "ESPECIALLY THOSE OF SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA." THE DELEGATE ANNOUNCED THAT BANGLADESH AND INDIA HAVE SIGNED AN AGREEMENT FOR THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY AS WELL AS ANOTHER WITH AUSTRALIA. BANGLADESH CONCLUDED WITH A PLEA FOR ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS.

4. AUSTRALIA--AUSTRALIA "WELCOMED" THE ADMISSION OF THE GDR AND UNCLASSIFIED

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"VERY WARMLY" WELCOMED THE ADMISSION OF MONGOLIA. THE DELEGATE SAID THAT FOR AUSTRALIA THE PRIORITIES IN THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES WERE (A) NPT AND (B) THE DECISIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT. THE DELEGATE SAID THAT AUSTRALIA ASCRIBES GREAT IMPORTANCES TO NPT IN A PERIOD OF RAPIDLY EXPANDING DEMAND FOR THE WORLD'S URANIUM DEPOSITS.

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AUSTRILIA, AS A POTENTIALLY LARGE EXPORTER OF SUCH MATERIALS, SUGGESTS THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAFEGUARDS FOR SUCH EXPORTS. AUSTRILIA BELIEVES THAT NPT REQUIRES THE WIDEST POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION AND STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO FURTHER TESTING OF OR PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS BY OTHER COUNTRIES IN AND AROUND THE PACIFIC. AUSTRILIA HOPES THAT "THEY" WILL RESPOND TO AUSTRILIAN DESIRES THAT NO SUCH TESTS BE MADE. AUSTRILIA ALSO BELIEVES THAT LDC'S WOULD ALSO SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF A BREAKDOWN IN NPT AND THEREFORE HAVE AN INTEREST IN ITS SUCCESS. AUSTRILIA UNDERSTANDS UNCLASSIFIED

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THEIR POINT OF VIEW, HOWEVER, AND FEELS AGENCY COULD DO MUCH TO HELP THEM BY FACILITATING FREER TRANSFER OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FROM ADVANCED TO DEVELOPING STATES. AUSTRILIA AGREED WITH INDONESIA

ON REGIONAL ARRANGEMENTS. THE DELEGATE SAID THAT THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE PLACED NEW OBLIGATIONS ON THE IAEA WHICH AUSTRALIA AS A MARITIME NATION SUPPORTS. AUSTRALIA CONCURS IN THE EFFORT TO SAVE THE OCEANS AND WELCOMES PARTICULARLY THE DEVELOPMENT BY THE AGENCY OF PROPOSALS AGAINST THE DUMPING OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS INTO THE OCEANS. THE DELEGATE CONCLUDED BY URGING THE MEMBERS TO LOOK FOR NEW WAYS FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

5. IRELAND -- IRELAND SAID THAT MOST DELEGATIONS SEE THE WORK OF THE AGENCY IN EITHER GLOBAL OR NATIONAL TERMS; I.E., IN TERMS OF ATOMIC AGGRESSION OR IN TERMS OF POLLUTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT. FOR IRELAND THE AGENCY'S WORK IN SAFEGBARDS AND IN RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT IS VERY IMPORTANT AND IRELAND IS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THESE TWO PROGRAMS. IN VIEW OF THE PROBLEM OF WORLD INFLATION, IRELAND IS WILLING TO INCREASE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE AGENCY'S BUDGET FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN 1974; THE AMOUNT HAS YET TO BE DECIDED. IRELAND, A MEMBER OF THE AGENCY SINCE 1970, ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IT WILL PRESENT ITS CANDIDACY FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR NEXT YEAR. THE DELEGATE FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT IRELAND IS PLANNING TO BUILD A NUCLEAR POWER STATION AT SOME FUTURE TIME. THIS IS NOW IN THE POANNING STAGES AND IRELAND INTENDS TO WORK THROUGH THE AGENCY ON THESE PLANS. IRELAND FURTHER HOPES TO HOLD SOME AGENCY SYMPOSIA AND SEMINARS IN IRELAND IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

6. THAILAND -- THAILAND ANNOUNCED THAT DUE TO THE WORLD ENERGY CRISIS, IT MAY BUILD A NUCLEAR POWER STATION EARLIER THAN FORESEEN. THAILAND EXPRESSED FIRM SUPPORT FOR THE REGIONAL COOPERATION IDEA REFERRED TO BY INDIA.

7. SPAIN -- IN A LENGTHY AND HIGHLY STATISTICAL SPEECH, THE SPANISH DELEGATE REVIEWED THE WORLD ENERGY CRISIS, AND NOTED THAT SPAIN BELIEVES THAT IT IS NECESSARY THAT THE RIGHT CRITERIA BE ADOPTED FOR DEALING WITH THIS CRISIS. SPAIN BELIEVES THAT THE BOARD MUST CHOOSE MORE MEMBERS THRU ELECTION, AND MUST ASSURE THAT BOARD MEMBERS "DO NOT BECOME PERMANENT." SPANISH INSTALLATIONS REMAIN AT THE DISPOSAL OF THOSE COUNTRIES WHO WISH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. THE DELEGATE STRESSED THE NEED FOR MORE STUDIES ON THE ENVIRONMENT AND ON THE DUMPING OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES INTO THE OCEANS. SPAIN REITER-  
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ATED ITS POSITION THAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS ONE OF THE MAIN ACTIVITIES OF THE AGENCY.

8. UKRAINIAN SSR -- THE DELEGATE WORMLY WELCOMED THE ADMISSION OF THE GDR AND THAT COUNTRY'S COOPERATION IN NPT, WHICH "WITNESSES THE TRIUMPH OF REALISM IN A CHANGING WORLD." WELCOMING MONGOLIA AS WELL, THE DELEGATE EMPHASIZED MONGOLIA'S SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS. HE LISTED AT LENGTH THE SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PAST YEAR IN HIS COUNTRY IN SUCH AREAS AS THE STUDY OF THE STRUCTURE OF NUCLEI, THE QUANTUM CHARACTERISTICS OF EXCITED STATES USING LINEAR ACCELERATION

METHODS, SOLID STATE PHYSICS AND OTHER FIELDS. THE UKRAINIAN SSR APPLAUDED THE WORK OF THE AGENCY IN CARRYING OUT NPT AND ITS WORK ON THE ENVIRONMENT SINCE STOCKHOLM.

9. GHANA -- GHANA CONGRATULATED THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE AND PRAISED DR. EKLUND'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE PROBLEMS OF LDC'S, ESPECIALLY IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF ATOMIC ENERGY. GHANA DISCUSSED PRESENT RESEARCH IN THAT COUNTRY IN THE FIELDS OF PHARMACOLOGY AND BIOLOGY AND WAS HAPPY TO NOTE THE COOPERATION OF MANY EUROPEAN SCIENTISTS. THE DELEGATE EXPRESSED GRATITUDE TO THE U.K. AND FRG FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE AND INTEREST ON SUCH RESEARCH. THE DELEGATE THEN SAID THAT IT "IS TO BE REGRETTED THAT ONE MEMBER OF THIS ORGANIZATION RECENTLY CARRIED OUT NUCLEAR TESTS AND IT IS OUR HOPE THAT OTHER STATES WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL CARRY OUT THEIR MORAL OBLIGATION NOT TO DO SO." GHANA WAS ALSO DISTURBED OVER THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF THE AGENCY AND URGED "A SPEEDY SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM."

10. TURKEY -- IN ADDITION TO THE CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. EKLUND AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE, TURKEY CONGRATULATED THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRIA ON ITS EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONFERENCE. AFTER DISCUSSING THE EFFECT ON THE AGENCY'S BUDGET OF THE WORLD MONETARY SITUATION, TURKEY MADE A PLEA FOR ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM ALL MEMBERS AND ANNOUNCED ITS INTENTION TO INCREASE THE TURKISH VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION TO THE GENERAL FUND. TURKEY ALSO ANNOUNCED PLANS TO CARRY OUT A MINERALS SURVEY WITH THE HELP OF THE AGENCY AND THE UNDP AND ASSURED THE PLENARY OF TURKEY'S FULL COOPERATION WITH THE AGENCY. PORTER

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